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[Despatch Abstract.]

Land - Provision of adequate Extent of lands - Common use of villagers.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Subject:

LAND - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers- Progress Report - Suggestions - Remarks - Submitted.
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B.P.No.Rt.5164.

STATION: MADRAS. Dated: 4-9-1947.

From

T.M.S. Mani Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

To

~~S. Ramachandran~~
S. Ranganathan Esq.,O.B.E.I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

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Read: Government Revenue Department, Memorandum No.2342 F/47-1. dated 5-6-1947.

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Resolution:

In their memorandum cited above, the Government have called for the Board's remarks on proposals for the examination of the question of adequacy of the existing communal porambokes in each village for the present and future needs of the village, for taking steps to set apart lands for such uses if they are found to be inadequate and for watching the progress in this direction by prescribing quarterly progress reports to be reviewed by the Collectors and the Board. The Board submits the following remarks on the proposals:

2. During the War, as a result of the Grow More Food, Campaign, everyone was encouraged to cultivate all available waste lands. Sufficient inroads have thus been made on all lands which were at one time reserved for communal needs. It is therefore expedient to examine the question afresh as to what will be the immediate and future needs of the village under the different heads of communal porambokes. In order to do this, each village has to be visited and the particulars gathered. It may not be possible for the Revenue Divisional Officer to visit all the villages and complete this special work within a reasonable time, besides attending to his normal duties. At the same time, the Board considers that the appointment of a special staff will be quite unnecessary and will not be worth the cost involved. The Board therefore submits that steps may be taken to study this question for each village by getting reports from Firka Revenue Inspectors. There can be no great difficulty for the Revenue Inspectors to do the investigation as they would be completing their visits of the villages in their charge at least once in three months. The Revenue Divisional Officer can go through the reports and satisfy himself as to the adequacy of the lands set apart for communal purposes.

3. The Board presumes that it is not the intention of the Government that steps should be taken to set apart lands for communal purposes, if they are inadequate, even in villages where lands are not available at the disposal of the Government, for being so set apart, by acquiring private lands if necessary. In this connection, the Board submits that very few lands suitable for communal purposes will be available now in the proximity of village sites, as most of the lands near the village sites would have been occupied for cultivation. In Deltaic districts, the problem of house site, especially for the Harijans, is likely to be present in almost every village. The extent of grazing ground and cattle stand porambokes in wet villages is likely to be quite in adequate to the number of cattle in the village. As for green jungle, there will not be much land set part now for such purposes in wet areas and no land would have been set apart at all in many such villages for this purpose. In dry areas, the requirements of communal lands may not present the same amount of difficulties as in wet areas. If the policy of the Government, is to provide sufficient communal lands in each village, even if ~~no difficulti~~

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no suitable land near the village site is available at the disposal of the Government, private lands may have to be acquired and the Government have to meet the cost of acquisition.

4. The Board agrees with the suggestion to review the progress by quarterly progress reports. The Revenue Inspector should be instructed to send his report to the Revenue Divisional Officer, as soon as his investigation in each village is completed. This will give time to the Revenue Divisional Officer to get reports from all the Revenue Inspectors in his Division, pass orders on them after making local inspection himself or getting local inspection made by the Tahsildar and thus have materials for his own quarterly reports to the Collector.

5. In addition to the above, the Board considers that the question of sufficiency or otherwise of communal poramboke in a village may be considered at the time of assignment, in greater detail than is done now. For this purpose, the Revenue Subordinates submitting proposals for assignment in future may be required to answer the following questionnaire in their proposals:-

(1) The population of the village.

(2) Whether the present extent of house sites will be sufficient for the needs of the population at the rate of 10 cents per family (A family may be considered to consist of 5 persons on an average)

(3) The extent of unoccupied house sites in the village-

(4) Whether the extent under item (3) will be sufficient for the present and future needs of the population and if it will not be sufficient or if there is no such unoccupied extent, the extent that will be required for the present and future needs of the villagers as house sites.

(5) The number of head of cattle in the village and the extent of grazing ground and cattle stand poramboke now available.

(6) If the extent under item (5) is not sufficient, the additional extent required.

(7) Whether lands have been set apart in the village for purpose of green jungle, village fuel forests etc., so that villagers can get their supplies of green manure etc.

(8) If not, or if the extent already set apart is insufficient, the extent that may be set apart for such purpose.

(9) Whether there is a school in the village and if so, the extent of playground attached to it.

(10) If no playground has already been set apart, the extent required.

(11) If there is no school in the village the possibility of a school being started in the future and the land required for that purpose.

(12) Whether land is required for any other communal purpose such as threshing flood etc., and

(13) Whether the land of which assignment is applied for is fit for use for any of the above mentioned purposes.

The Assigining authorities should go through the information furnished under the above heads carefully and refuse the assignment if it appears that additional extents are required for any of these purposes and that the land applied for will be suitable for the purpose.

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for SECRETARY.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (with Exchange Reminder dated 26-8-47).

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT. 5

Subject.

LAND - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers progress report - Remarks - Submitted.

L. Dis.No. B. 9719/48.

Station: Madras. Dated: 13th ~~Septe~~ February 1948.

From:

P.M. Jayarajan Esq.,Bar-at-Law,I.C.S.
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.-.-

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To:

W.R.S.Sathianathan,Esq.,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

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Read: B.P.Rt. 5164, dated 4-9-47.
From the Government, Revenue Department Memo.No.2342-F/47-3, dated 6-12-47.

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The Board agrees to the suggestion of the Government to prescribe a question in the Jamabandi check Memorandum No. for getting the necessary information and for taking steps to provide adequate extents for communal purposes, as mentioned in paragraph 1 of their Memo. cited above.

2. As regards the suggestion to fix the extent of land to be set apart in each village on the basis of population or the number of families in a village, the Board submits that this criterion will probably apply only for fixing the extents needed for such communal purposes as village site, burial ground, school and playground. But that there will be need for land ~~to~~ in a village for other communal purposes also, such as cattle-stand, grazing ground, threshing ground, channel, road and so on. The Board considers that for determing the extents to be set apart in each village for these purposes, other considera-

Cions will have to be taken into account, such as the number of cattle in a village, the conditions of cultivation (wet or dry), the occupation of the villagers and the availability of suitable Government land in the vicinity of village-site. Thus the case of each village has to be considered with reference to these general considerations and no hard and fast rule can be laid down in the matter. The Board, therefore, submits that if its remarks in paragraph 1 above are accepted, the extend to be set apart in each village for the several communal purposes may be left to be fixed by the Revenue Divisional Officers in accordance with the needs of each village and the general considerations mentioned above.

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for SECRETARY.

To: the Secret ry to Government Revenue Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract:

LANDS - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers - Submission of progress report etc., Suggestions of the Board of Revenue & Orders Passed.

Revenue Department.

G.O.Ms.No.1209. Dated: 28th May 1948.

Read the following:

G.O.No.339, Revenue, dated the 10th February 1947.
Government Memo.No.2342 F/47-1 d/ 5th June 1947.--
B.P.Toutine 5164, dated the 4th September 1947
Government Memo.No.2342 F/47-2 d/ the 6th December 1947.
Board's L. Dis. B. 9719/48 d/the 13th February 1948.

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The Government have had under consideration the question whether the existing communal porambokes in each village are adequate for the present and future needs of the village and the steps to be taken to set apart lands for communal use in villages where existing facilities are found to be inadequate.

2. The Government accept the suggestion of the Board of Revenue in paras 2 and 4 of its resolution read above and direct that the Collectors be instructed.

(1) to examine the adequacy of the existing communal porambokes in each village of their districts for the present and future needs of the village.

(2) to take steps to set apart available Government land fit for such uses if the existing communal porambokes are found to be inadequate, and

(3) to submit quarterly progress reports for watching the progress made in that direction.

The following procedure is prescribed for submission of the quarterly progress reports:--

(i) The Revenue Inspectors who complete their round of visits to the villages in their charge in 3 months may be asked to examine on the occasion of their visit to a village what the present and future needs of the village under the different heads of communal porambokes and to submit reports through the Tahsildars concerned to the Revenue Divisional Officers as soon as their investigation in a village is completed.

(ii) the Revenue Divisional Officers may pass orders on the reports of the Revenue Inspectors after local inspection themselves or after local inspection made by the Tahsildar at his direction and submit quarterly reports to the Collectors.

(iii) the Collectors should in their turn submit quarterly progress reports to the Board of Revenue and

(iv) the Board should review these quarterly reports and submit a report so as to reach the Government by 15th January, 15th April, 15th July and 15th October every year together with copies of the reviews and progress reports received from the Collectors by it.

3. The Government also accept the suggestion of the Board in para 2 of its report last read above that the extent to be set apart in each village for several communal purposes may be left to be fixed by the Revenue Divisional Officers in accordance with the needs of each village and the several considerations mentioned in para 2 of its report.

In submitting proposals for assignment of lands in villages, the Revenue Subordinates should bear in mind the possi-

bility of the land being required in the village for a communal purpose and answer the questionnarire contained in para 5 of its proceedings.

4. The Government also direct that in addition to the quarterly progress reports, the question whether sufficient lands have been set apart for communal purposes should also be examined at Jamabandi and a question for this purpose should be included in the check memo. If at such enquiry it is brought to the notice of the Jamabandi officer ~~should~~--- that lands so set apart are not adequate ~~Is~~ the Jamabandi officer should submit a report to the Collector who should in turn send a report to the Board of Revenue. The Board of Revenue should take necessary steps to provide sufficient lands for the purpose from among the lands at the disposal of the Government and submit a report to the Government once a year.

5. The Board of Revenue is requested to issue necessary instructions to Collectors in the matter.

/ By Order of His Excellency the Governor/

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Secretary to Government.

To:
The Board of Revenue.

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Education and Public Health Department.

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S. Jayaraman
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Office Assistant,
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
SUBJECT:

Lands - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers - Quarterly progress reports - Date of submission.

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Ref.No.B.8768/48-1.

Station: Madras Dated 6-11-1948.

From:

P.M. Jayarajan, Esq., Bar-at-Law,I.C.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

S. Ranganathan, Esq.,O.B.E. I.C.S., Commissioner
of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

Read: G.O.No.Mis.1285, Revenue, dated 28-5-1948.
From the Collector of South Kanara, Ref.No.B5-1391/48 dated 25-9-48.

Ref: .B.P.~~Mei~~ Mis. 908, dated 2-7-1948.

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In the B.P. cited above, it is stated that the first progress reports should be submitted on 7-1-1949.

In this connection, I submit that the progress report for the quarter ended 31-12-1948, can be submitted by the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars only after that date and hence their reports in full will usually ~~reach~~ reach this office only by the end of the first week of January 1949.

I therefore request that the Board may be pleased to alter the date of the first report to 15-1-1949 and to 15th of April, July and October subsequently.

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for Collector.

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REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

3. The Board agrees with the Collector's remarks and requests that the date of submission of the Board's review on the quarterly reports, referred to in para 2 (3) (iv) of the G.O. cited above may be suitably altered.

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FOR SECRETARY.

To:

The Secretary to the Government.
Revenue Department.

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Revenue Department.

Memo. No. 63/748 F/48-1 dated 18-11-48.

Lands - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers - quarterly progress report - Dates of submission - Alternation - Ordered.

G.O.Ms.No. 1285, Revenue, dated 28-5-1948.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref.No.B.8768/48-1 dated 6-11-48.

In the circumstances reported, the Government direct that the Board's review of the quarterly reports referred to in para 2 (3) (iv) of G. O.No.1285, Revenue, dated 28-5-48 may be submitted so as to reach the Government on 1st February, 1st May, 1st August and 1st November every year.

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16-11-48.

To

The Board of Revenue.

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Revenue Department. 4

Subject:

PERIODICALS - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers - Quarterly review - Progress made in the disposal of applications received from political sufferers, landless poor ex- servicemen - Monthly review - Conversion into half-yearly one- Orders - Requested.

Ref: J.No.6691/52-1.

Station: Madras. Dated 11-11-1952.

From:

Sri A.F.Mascarenhas,I.A.S. Secretary, Board of Revenue.
Sri S.A.Venkataraman,I.C.S.,Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read : G.O.Ms.No.1285, Revenue, dated 28-5-48.
Govetnment Memo.No.30864-F/51-6,Revenue, d/24-7-52.

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Reference:

In their order read above the Government prescribed quarterly progress reports for watching the progress made by the Collectors and their subordinate officers in setting apart available Government lands fit for communal purposes if the existing communal porambokes are found to be inadequate for the present and future needs of the villages. The Collectors cannot be expected to show much progress in this direction in the quarterly reports submitted by them. The Board recommends that the quarterly progress report may be converted into a half yearly one.

In their Memo. read above the Government considered that the monthly progress report on the disposal of applications received from political sufferers should be continued and also instructed that the future progress reports should contain separate figures regarding the number of applications

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received, disposed of and pending in respect of landless poor persons and of ex-servicemen also. The Board considers that much progress cannot be made by Collectors within a month. The monthly progress reports submitted by the Collectors reveal this. It therefore recommends that the monthly progress report may be converted into a half-yearly one.

R. Vedam,
for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Madras - 9.

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Revenue Department.

Memorandum No. 90152 F/52-1 dated 5-12-1952.

Sub: Periodicals - Sites to be set apart for the communal use of the villagers - Quarterly review - Progress made in the disposal of applications received from political sufferers, landless poor persons and exservicemen - Conversion into Half-yearly ones - Proposals - Orders Passed.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue Ref: J.No.6691/52-1, dated 11th November 1952.

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The Government agree with the Board of Revenue and direct that the quarterly report for watching the progress made by the Collectors in setting apart available Government lands for the communal use of the villagers, be converted into a half-yearly one. These reports should reach the Government on the 1st February and 1st August every year. The report due on 1-2-1953 should contain the review of the work done in the first six months of Fasli 1362. The Board is requested to take action accordingly.

2. As regards the Board's recommendation that the monthly report on the progress made in the disposal of applications by Collectors for land grant from political sufferers, Exservicemen and landless poor persons, may also be converted into a half yearly one, the Government consider that this is a very useful monthly report, ~~of the~~ conversion into a half-yearly one will result in the neglect of this applications. They do not ~~chr~~ therefore accept the Board's proposal in this regard.

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Sd.T.J. Jacques,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To

The Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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